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Sir:

following Preliminary Amendments and Remarks respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Before line 1, insert \(\frac{1}{2} - \text{This application is the national} \) phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT International Application No. PCT/JP99/04723 which has an International filing date of August 31, 1999, which designated the United States of America.--